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Expert Says Russia Not Ready for War

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Robert Amory Jr. probably is the second-best or third-best informed American on what the Russian Communists are doing, thinking and planning.

Amory is deputy chief for intelligence of the Central Intelligence Agency. CIA is the United States spy apparatus of, in more polite language, it is a counter intelligence organization.

This well informed American was making a speech the other day in Columbia, S.C. Amory's speech did not get the publicity it deserved despite the fact that what he had to say was pretty good news for U.S. citizens.

His story was that the Soviet Union is neither ready nor preparing for a war; that the Kremlin does not want a war although Communist Russia would like it. Amory said the Russian leaders decided 18 months ago that their Communist economy had to have 15 years of peace to achieve their internal development plans.

Not Ready for War

"Their economy is by no means mobilized for war or preparing for war," Amory said. "They strike a balance between military and other expenditures, just as we do."

He believes the Soviet Union is

not ready to risk a nuclear war over Berlin. Nikita Khrushchev, instead, thinks he can force the West to "chicken out."

"If the West is resolute," Amory said, "then I believe that the Soviet Union will be the one to back down."

During the 15 years of peace which Amory is convinced the Soviet Union must have and urgently wants, the CIA expects the Kremlin to follow this general pattern:

—Play its Sputnik diplomacy to the limit.

—Stand pat against all pressure in the areas now dominated by Communism.

—Insist either upon two-nation talks between the Soviet Union and the United States or demand that satellite powers sit beside Soviet comrades in numbers equal to the number of Allies sitting beside the Americans.

Never Tempt Them

—Maintain at high pitch the work of trouble-making among the peoples of non-Communist nations.

—But softening this fifth column activity with some show of willingness to cooperate with governments over which the Kremlin exercises no control.

—Continue an effective foreign policy of "no strings" foreign aid.

which neither are Communist nor expected to become.

Amory said the Russian leaders had no doubts on the future. In the meantime, he said, they are confident that the Soviet Union will be able to handle any situation that may arise.